

# Dear Padre,

*Why do we call Jesus “the Lamb of God”? How did Jesus get that name, and why do we refer to him as a lamb? Doesn’t that make him sound weak and helpless?*

A lamb was a common animal of sacrifice for the Jews. The Passover account talks about sacrificing an unblemished lamb to God and eating its flesh so the people would have strength for the journey to the Promised Land.

Jesus is the perfect, unblemished sacrifice by which our sins are forgiven and we are made children of God. The Father provides Jesus as the sacrifice, and so Jesus is the Lamb of God, the sacrificial offering made because God loves us. Jesus chose to sacrifice himself according to the Father’s plan. “He humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross” (Philippians 2:8). Jesus gave himself into our hands so we could be caressed by the hands of God.

Like the Passover lamb, the Lamb of God is food for us. We “eat his body” and “drink his blood.” This food and drink gives us strength for our journey of faith. The food we receive from Jesus, the Lamb, is the nourishment we need to do as St. Paul begs the Philippians—and us—to do: “Have among yourselves the same attitude that is also yours in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 2:5). ●



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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*We are preparing to celebrate the victory of the Lord Jesus Christ over sin and death—over sin and death—not over someone and against someone else. But today, there is a war. Why do we want to win like this...?*

*There are only losses this way.*

*Why not allow him to win?*

ANGELUS, APRIL 10, 2022

### MONDAY

April 3  
Monday of  
Holy Week  
Is 42:1–7  
Jn 12:1–11

### TUESDAY

April 4  
Tuesday of  
Holy Week  
Is 49:1–6  
Jn 13:21–33,  
36–38

### WEDNESDAY

April 5  
Wednesday of  
Holy Week  
Is 50:4–9a  
Mt 26:14–25

### THURSDAY

April 6  
Thursday of  
Holy Week  
(Holy Thursday)  
Chrism Mass:  
Is 61:1–3a,  
6a, 8b–9  
Rv 1:5–8  
Lk 4:16–21

Evening Mass  
of the Lord’s  
Supper:  
Ex 12:1–8,  
11–14  
1 Cor 11:23–26  
Jn 13:1–15

### FRIDAY

April 7  
Friday of the  
Passion of  
the Lord  
(Good Friday)  
Is 52:13–53:12  
Heb 4:14–16;  
5:7–9  
Jn 18:1–19:42

### SATURDAY

April 8  
Holy Saturday  
(Easter Vigil)  
Gn 1:1–2:2 or  
1:1, 26–31a  
Gn 22:1–18 or  
22:1–2, 9a,  
10–13, 15–18  
Ex 14:15–15:1  
Is 54:5–14  
Is 55:1–11  
Bar 3:9–15,  
32–4:4  
Ez 36:16–17a,  
18–28  
Rom 6:3–11  
Mt 28:1–10

### SUNDAY

April 9  
Easter Sunday of  
the Resurrection  
of the Lord  
Acts 10:34a,  
37–43  
Col 3:1–4 or  
1 Cor 5:6b–8  
Jn 20:1–9 or  
Mt 28:1–10

## Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

# Our Parish COMMUNITY

April 2, 2023

**Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion (A)**

Matthew 21:1–11 / Isaiah 50:4–7 / Philippians 2:6–11

Matthew 26:14–27:66 or Matthew 27:11–54



When he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken and asked, “Who is this?” And the crowds replied, “This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee.”

MATTHEW 21:10–11



# The Art of Dying

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**W**hen I was much younger and idealistic, I might have been ready to die for some worthy cause. Friends about my age had the same experience.

There was something romantic about giving our lives then. Something glorious—or so we thought. There was the brotherhood and sisterhood of us all, peace and non-violence, nuclear arms opposition, equal opportunities for education and housing. Many of us now over fifty thought we would lay down our lives for any one of those dreams.

For some of us, things have changed. We’ve grown older and, perhaps, wiser, and it seems we’re not so eager to die anymore. The glamor has been tarnished, and, for some, the romance

has turned from infatuation to disillusion. Death seems like a tragedy, continually rearing its strength to destroy in full or in part the fruit of our lives.

Yet death continues to remain the only doorway into real life. Without death there is no life—in this life or

in any life. For that reason, then, one of the tasks of life is to learn how to die well, something we also need to teach our children. It takes a lifetime to learn how to die for one another, and that is why our young people need a community of adults who seek to master the art of dying. It is also why, for one long week,

we tell the story of Jesus and of how, for the sake of us all, he did not back away from death. ●

## Reflect

*Who has sacrificed for you? Have you “paid it forward” with gratitude?*

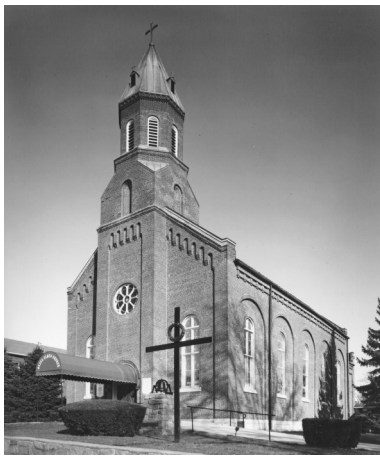


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MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF: April 3, 2023			
Holy Week: Special Mass Times			
MON	8:00 AM	No Mass	
TUE	8:00 AM	For the Most Abandoned Soul in Purgatory	
WED	8:00 AM	Bess Lalumondiere (2 yrs)	
THU	8:00 AM	No morning Mass	
THU	7:00 PM	Diane Koenitz & Family	
FRI	8:00 AM	Good Friday - No MASS	
SAT	8:00 AM	NO Morning Mass	
SAT	8:00 PM	Jason Wright	
SUN	8:00 AM	Wes Forrester	
SUN	10:00 AM	Parish Family	

Week of: March 26, 2023

Envelope.....\$	3037.00	Main & Repairs.....\$	45.00
Loose .....\$	1456.00	On-Line donations.....\$	65.90
SVDP.....\$	215.00	Catholic Relief svcs...\$	25.00
Votive Lights.....\$	56.00	Easter Flowers.....\$	280.00
Light House.....\$			

Weekly Mass Schedule

Mon	No Mass
Tues	8:00 AM
Wed	8:00 AM
Thurs	8:00 AM
	6:00 PM
Fri	8:00 AM
Sat	8:00 AM
	4:30 PM
Sun	8:00 AM
	10:00 AM

\*HOLY DAY SCHEDULE:  
Please check the Bulletin for Mass times.

Confessions:

Saturday: 3:30 - 4:10 PM  
Thursday: 5:00 - 5:30 PM

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Special Ministers  
Holy Week

Holy Thursday 7:00 pm

Lectors: Susan Broombaugh

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

C: Kim Coleman L: Judy East R: Diane McGirl

Servers: Laura Allen

Good Friday 3:00 pm

Lectors: N: Susan Broombaugh S: Bob Mills

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

C: Kim Coleman L: Diane McGirl R: Annette Portell

Servers: Laura Allen

Easter Vigil 8:00 pm

Lectors: 1: Paul Villmer 2: Sharon Forrester 3: 4: Laura Allen

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

C: Judy East L: Sharon Forrester R: Annette Portell

Servers: Lane & Madison Battreal, Abraham Rolwes,

Easter Sunday!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Lectors:

Sunday 8:00 am

Jeanne DeGonia

Sunday 10:00 am

Jamie Warden

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Sunday 8:00 am

C: Don Thompson

L: Jamie Thompson

R:

Sunday 10:00 am

Kim Coleman

Nikki Warden

Servers:

Sun. 8:00 a.m. Volunteers

Sun.10:00 a.m. Volunteers

See Sign-up sheet please

Music:

Sat. 4:30 p.m. Chala Short

Sun. 8:00 a.m. Rebecca Richards

Sun.10:00 a.m. Anita Govero or The Little Way Band

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS.

Heavenly Duster: 04/07: Jean Roberson

Altar Linens: 04/03: Barb Cocos

Mass Offerings -

Masses can be said for the living also; birthdays, anniversaries, etc. Come by the office or write the name & any preferred date on paper, put in envelope with \$10 for each Mass & drop in drop box or put in the collection basket at Mass. If the chosen date is available, I will schedule for that date, if not I will schedule next available.

Paying Missouri Taxes? Support Catholic Schools Instead  
MOScholars provides scholarships to income-eligible students or those on Individualized Education Programs (IEP). Scholarships are funded by 100% state tax credits given to donors who fund the program. Provide a Catholic Education to Local Students in Need.

Word of Life

“Despite our best efforts, it can sometimes be difficult to recognize the profound value of human life when we see its full weakness and fragility. Yet, the faithful care of human life until its natural end is entrusted to every person.”  
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
“The Witness of the Good Samaritan: Palliative Care and Hospice”

For all those receiving hospice care: May the care they receive bear witness to the gift of their lives;  
We pray to the Lord

Upcoming Events

Apr 09: Easter Sunday! Alleluia

Apr 16: Divine Mercy Sunday

Apr 23: PSR, 9:00 am, Parish Hall

Apr 30: 1st Communion celebrated @ 10:00 mass



Knights of Columbus news: With the Penance service on April 4, we will NOT be having a Knights meeting on this date/time. Thanks.

Sunday of Divine Mercy

April 16, 2023

On the Second Sunday of Easter, the Church celebrates the Sunday of Divine Mercy. It provides an important opportunity to share Christ’s message of mercy, especially with those who suffer because of their participation in one or more abortions. By the age of 45, as many as 1 in 3 women have had an abortion, and a similar number of men and family members have been involved. Many feel that abortion is “the unforgivable sin.” They need to hear that, through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God forgives every sin of a repentant heart, even the sin of abortion. In fact, Jesus’ message to St. Faustina is that the greater the sinner, the greater the right to His mercy.



“Yes, the first Sunday after Easter is the Feast of Mercy, but there must also be deeds of mercy, which are to arise out of love for Me. You are to show mercy to our neighbors always and everywhere. You must not shrink from this or try to absolve yourself from it.”

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Formed this week!

**Pope John Paul II:** This epic film follows Karol Wojtyla’s journey from his youth in Poland through his late days on the Chair of St. Peter. It explores his life behind the scenes: how he touched millions of people, changed the face of the Church and the world and how he defended the dignity of mankind.

**Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage:** This film cinematically walks through the locations of the Holy Week story, re-presenting the most important days of human history. Immersed in the real & sacred places of the Holy Land, the pilgrim faithful is brought tangibly nearer to the story, the landscape & the reality of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Triduum draws Catholics & those with open hearts & minds to experience a deeper understanding of these events & places and offers rich meditations for the pilgrimage of daily life.

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Enter our parish’s zip code  
Enter your name and your email address. That’s it, you’re in.

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Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion: Humility

While Jesus was experiencing crucifixion, suffering the death of one who was a criminal, people reviled Him saying, “You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself, if you are the Son of God, [and] come down from the cross!” St. Thomas Aquinas once wrote that the cross exemplifies every virtue. Humility was certainly among those virtues. Just as Jesus experienced a most humble birth in a manger surrounded by animals, He also suffered a most humble death. The King of Kings and Lord of Lords is judged by a governor and suffers the death of a criminal. He could have come down from the cross and freed Himself of the pain. Instead, He humbled Himself and died for you, for me, for all people. One of the best responses we can have as we gaze upon the Crucified One is silence and contemplation. We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You, because, by Your holy cross, You have redeemed the world.

The crowds preceding him and those following kept crying out and saying:

“Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest.”

Matthew 21:9



Holy Week

Apr 04: Lenten Penance Service, 7:00 pm

Apr 06: Holy Thursday, 7:00 pm, Mass of the last Supper followed by adoration: “The only time our Lord asked the Apostles for anything was the night He went into agony. Not for activity did He plead but for an Hour of companionship.”

“ Angel’s Prayer at Fatima”

Most Holy Trinity—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—I adore Thee profoundly. I offer Thee the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges, and in-differences whereby He is offended. And through the infinite merits of His Most Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of Thee the conversion of poor sinners.



Apr 07: Good Friday, Fast & Abstinence, 3:00 pm SVC

Apr 08: Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil Mass 8:00 pm

Apr 09: Easter Sunday! Mass of the Resurrection 8:00 & 10:00 am



Our last Lenten Fish Fry Lunch will be April 7th 11:00 am to 1:00 pm drive thru only.

Our last Lenten Ladies Sodality Bake Sale will be April 7th!



Operation Rice Bowl.....Now that we are coming to the close of our Lenten Season, please remember to bring your Rice Bowls and turn them in. Thank you and may God’s Blessings be abundant.

Calvary Cemetery:

Reminder to all: Mowing season is upon us.

St. James Calvary cemetery is sacred ground. Be respectful of our loved ones.

Cemetery rules only allow for **2 decorations per grave**

- No luminaries
- No shepherds hooks or hummingbird feeders
- No eternal flames; no votive lights or solar lights
- No benches
- No balloons
- or any other unsightly grave decorations
- And ABSOLUTELY NO Alcohol is Allowed on cemetery grounds.

Please be considerate to those who care for our cemetery as weed eating and mowing are very difficult with all the decorations. Be advised that decorations will be removed periodically. God Bless.

St. James PSR NEWS

Family Catechesis Helping Build Faithful Families!

Next Class will be **APRIL 23RD** Unit 7 is due.



May 14th; May Crowning/Mother’s Day, All are to attend Mass

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